

BIG CONTRACT TO A LOCAL CONCERN

Clemann & Salzmann to Supply Furniture for New Rock Island House.

\$20,000 TO BE EXPENDED

Management Expects to Install New Rathskellar and Bowling Alleys.

In the face of opposition of the most strenuous nature, Clemann & Salzmann of this city have succeeded in landing the furniture contract for the new Rock Island house, the sum involved being in the neighborhood of \$20,000. The new lessees of the hotel, A. F. Zimmer, H. C. Luchmann and J. A. Waddell, have been making their selection at a Grand Rapids, Mich., factory for the last week, being accompanied by Louis Salzmann. Representatives from various furniture firms throughout the country made frantic endeavors to land the contract, and a number of energetic salesmen trailed the Rock Island hotel men clear to Grand Rapids, hoping to cut into the melon.

WILL BE BEAUTY.

When complete, the new hotel will be surpassed by none in this vicinity. Insofar as equipment is concerned, not an old piece of furniture will be retained. New Wilton carpets, especially made to order, have been purchased, in addition to numerous rugs. The grill room will be finished in fumed oak with furniture to match. The main dining room will be mission, and in this room also the furniture will coincide.

UNIQUE FURNISHINGS.

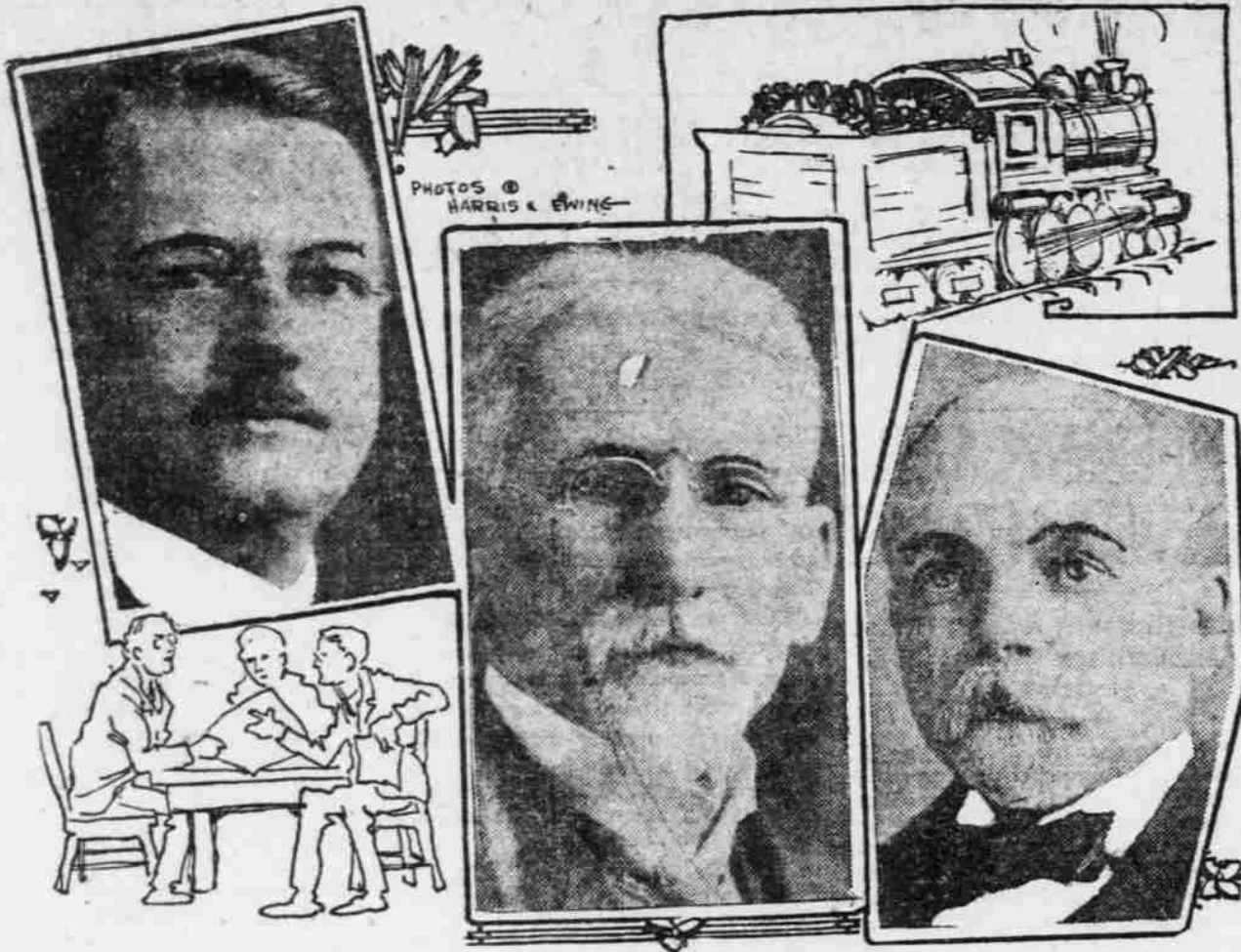
The ladies' parlor will be especially beautiful. The furniture, which has been ordered and designed especially, will be of rattan, upholstered with imported tapestry, which will harmonize with the general surroundings. Reed lamps will be installed, and the effect will be decidedly artistic. The various guest rooms will be fitted out differently, natural mahogany, curly birch and quarter-sawn oak furniture to be utilized. Massive brass beds with box springs will comprise a part of the furnishings.

NEW RATHSKELLAR.

The buffet is to be entirely refitted, solid mahogany fixtures to be used. It is also the plan of the new management to install a first class rathskellar and bowling alleys.

No expense has been spared to

FEDERAL BOARD OF MEDIATION HAS NO LITTLE JOB



G. W. Hanger, Judge William Lea Chambers and Judge Martin A. Knapp.

New York, July 26.—The conference committee of railroad managers is holding its meetings with members of the board of mediation and conciliation who are trying to arbitrate in the dispute between the eastern railroads and their trainmen and conductors. The members of this board, Judge William L. Chambers, Martin A. Knapp and G. W. Hanger, decided to hear first the petition of the railroads and

later to receive the representatives of the employees.

W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and A. B. Garretson, head of the Order of Railway Conductors, waited at their headquarters in a downtown hotel. They expected an opportunity to appear before the federal board as soon as the commissioners finished their conferences with the railroad managers.

The task the board faces is that of getting the parties to the controversy

to agree upon steps for arbitration under the board's auspices. The hitch in the situation came with the 11th hour proposal of the railroad managers' conference committee that grievances which the railroad companies had should be submitted to arbitration at the same time as the employees' demands are considered.

The union leaders protest against the injection of the railroad companies' grievances in this sudden and unexpected manner.

REALTY CHANGES

Mary and Benjamin Sargent to Hatfield D. Food, part outlot 1, Guyer's Second addition, Rock Island; \$150.

Arthur Henning to Hjalmar Kohler, undivided one-third, west one-half, west one-half, southeast one-quarter, section 13-17-1, west; \$568.

Charles H. White to Richard E. Fish, lot 25, block 167, East Moline; \$1.

Mary M. Peterson to Sophia H. Nelson, lot 8 and 9, block 2, Dack's Second addition, Rock Island; \$550.

FAMILY TOMB OF BANKER WRECKED

Three Coffins in the Belt Vault Broken Into and Searched by Midnight Vandals.

Bunker Hill, Ill., July 26.—Marauders broke into the Belt family vault in the cemetery just outside of town Thursday night and the coffins containing the bodies of three members of the family were opened.

The Belt bank, a private institution, failed less than two weeks ago, and is now in the hands of receivers, who have made no report on the assets in cash and securities. The police are working on the theory that some depositor in the bank rifled the mausoleum as the means of making sure that the assets of the bank all would be handled by the receivers.

If the breaking open of the vault disclosed anything of value no trace of it was left. Tracks in the dust on the floor and three broken marble slabs were the only clues.

Moulton county is more aroused over the breaking of the tomb than over the closing of the bank, and Sheriff Maule is asked to investigate the case.

Bloodhounds in charge of a posse headed by Chief Fetzner were taken to the Belt tomb and succeeded in following the trail toward town for a few hundred feet beyond the cemetery. But the desecration of the dead had not been discovered until noon, and the dogs apparently were at loss on a cold scent.

A strip of copper torn off with the aid of a crowbar which was left inside the vault gave entrance to the tomb. Through this small hole the vandals crept. Scrapings of candle grease in two or three places were found.

The door of the tomb also had been recently opened, according to Chief Fetzner. Caretakers at the cemetery said that no one had unlocked the iron-gated door for almost a year. Close examination, however, made it evident that the door had been opened with a key and then locked again.

Foot tracks which do not agree in size with the many other imprints, evidently left by the midnight visitors, are plainly discernible around the inside of the door. This has strengthened the police theory.

The search of the most recent visitors to the vault was painstaking and thorough. Every inch of the floor and walls evidently had been gone over and the marble slabs which covered the three graves in the tomb had been cracked open and torn from the cement which held them in place. Each one had been shattered and the fragments thrown to the floor.

Henry Belt, head of the company which controlled the private bank, would make no statement to the police or for publication.

"There was nothing in the vault which was not there many years ago," was the only remark made in answer to questions by Chief Fetzner.

"There may not have been, but somebody certainly had reasons to think so," the chief said. "We are at loss for a clue to the vandals, but whoever they were they have been in Bunker Hill a long time. This is not so large a town, but that strangers would be noticed at once."

"If anything of value was taken from the vault we will learn of it. The thing that is not explained in my mind is the evidence that the vault recently had been entered through a locked door, as well as through the hole torn in the wall."

All the news all the time — The Argus.

VICIOUS NEGRO ATTACKS WHITE MAN WITH RAZOR

Attempts Robbery and When Resistance Is Offered, Slashes Victim.

POLICE ARE HOT ON TRAIL

Ambulance Rushes Bleeding Man to Hospital—Recovery Is Doubtful.

As the result of a murderous attack by a negro holdup man last night, Peter Nocho, claiming Atkinson, Ill., as his home, is today lying in St. Anthony's hospital at the point of death, literally carved to ribbons by razor slashes. The assailant, whose identity is a mystery, is being sought by the police, but up until press time his capture had not been effected.

ROBBERY MOTIVE

Nocho, who is alleged to have been drinking heavily last evening, became weary and lying down upon a platform in the railroad yards at Twenty-fourth street, fell asleep. He was rudely awakened when he felt someone going through his pockets. The robber, who was a negro, was ordered to take his hands away, whereupon the thug shouted, "You lie still or I'll carve out your heart."

Jumping to his feet, Nocho made a grab for the negro, who whipped out a razor with lightning like rapidity and made a pass at the white man's throat. Nocho threw up his left arm to ward off the blow, and that member was literally slashed to the bone, the muscles being severed. The negro then wielded the blade with ferocious swiftness, slashing Nocho three times on the left side, just below the heart, on the left cheek, and the head. The assailant then took to his heels, running north to the railroad tracks and thence taking an eastward course.

UNWARE OF HIS INJURIES

Nocho was so intoxicated that he was apparently unaware of the fact that he had been cut. He entered a saloon on Twenty-second street and Third avenue shortly after 10 o'clock, and he was literally streaming with blood from head to foot. He then told of the attack and the ambulance was called. Nocho was rushed to the hospital, where he was given medical attention. It was necessary to take 20 stitches in his left arm. His chances for recovery are slight.

DOCKET ARRANGED IN COUNTY COURT

Fifteen New Cases to Be Heard Before Judge B. S. Bell Next Term.

SESSION TO OPEN AUGUST 4

Many Assumpsit Actions to Be Tried—Jury May Be Summoned at a Later Date.

Yesterday was the last day of service for the August term of county court which is to open on the first Monday of the month. It has not been decided whether a jury will be summoned or not. The criminal docket has not been arranged.

NEW CASES.

The new civil cases filed follow: St. Ambrose college vs. John H. Morrison and Agnes S. Morrison, assumpsit.

C. F. Enright vs. Oscar Carlson, assumpsit.

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The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea company vs. G. R. Hair and Jerry Donovan, assumpsit.

Frank E. Habicht and Herman W. Brown vs. Coin Bros. and Kerr, assumpsit.

Willis & Sons company vs. George C. Martin, assumpsit.

George A. Williams vs. T. E. Lundell, assumpsit.

Benjamin Walkup vs. Willis E. Whiteside, assumpsit.

Matilda Anderson vs. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Svithode of Chicago, assumpsit.

Adolph H. Kohlhammer vs. Joseph L. Cameron and Grace L. Cameron, appeal.

Penwell Coal Mining company vs. Central Illinois Fuel company, assumpsit.

Rock Island Savings Bank vs. Gustav Blankenburg and Ida Blankenburg, assumpsit.

W. G. Block company vs. Central Illinois Fuel company, assumpsit.

Mary E. Robinson vs. John Slaughter, et al., trustees of Wayman Mission of the A. M. E. Church, appeal.

A. L. Wilcoxson, et al., vs. Central Illinois Fuel company, assumpsit.

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EXCELLENT PRICE BROUGHT BY LAND

Schroeder Farm Brings Over \$240 an Acre When Sold by Master in Chancery.

The master in chancery this morning conducted a sale of property belonging to the Schroeder estate. The farm consisting of 50 acres, located in South Rock Island about a mile from the street car, was sold to William H. Schroeder for \$12,188.50. The city property located on Second avenue was sold to J. Taxman for \$17.

There was spirited bidding for the farm land. It was first offered for sale in different tracks and then in the aggregate, the law providing that if the latter brings a higher price than the former, it is to be disposed of that way. The individual prices totaled \$12,187.50 and then Mr. Schroeder bid an extra dollar and bought all of the land.

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GOLVIN OF QUINCY KING BASE STEALER

Official Three-I league averages show First Sacker Golvin of Quincy as the premier cushion pluffer of the circuit, with a total of 32 offenses. Bromwich and Clemens lead the Blue Sox gang with a dead heat of 19. Carrixan is next with 15 and Neer is in the three hole with 11. Bromwich leads the Pretzel gang in hitting and is the only .300 hitter on the club. Reed is second.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From The Argus Files of 1888

July 21—There is to be a foot race at the old fair grounds this evening between Holdorf of this city and Edwards of Kansas City.

The new Mission chapel will not be opened tomorrow as was intended, the committee being unable to get the building seated.

This time it is one of our well known physicians. He drove up town this morning, tied his horse, and after transacting some business, walked home in the broiling sun with a couple of neighbors. It is presumed he commenced talking politics.

July 23—There will be a game of baseball at the Y. M. C. A. grounds this evening at 6:30. Members are cordially invited to be present and take part.

Moline was unable to raise \$5,000 in order to secure a profit of four times that amount for a Y. M. C. A. building from the generous hearted lady, Mrs. Knowles.

July 24—The Central District Telephone company is greatly improving its poles throughout the city by painting them an attractive color. The telegraph and electric light companies would add much to the appearance of the streets by following the example of the telephone company.

Among the Indian ponies purchased by Sheriff Silvis across the river is one that has been trained to do all manner of clever things. The animal caught the fancy of Night Clerk McHugh of the Harper house, and he

bought it from the sheriff. McHugh will now give daily exhibitions of his horsemanship in the vicinity of Union square.

The board of education met last evening and issued \$5,000 5 per cent bonds, also letting the contract to the Cable Coal company to furnish coal to the various city buildings during the approaching school year at 9 1/2 cents, the money to be paid Aug. 1, 1889.

The Interstate League practically having collapsed, it would not be a bad idea to replace it with an Illinois state league composed of clubs either semi-amateur or entirely so, and to include such cities as Rock Island, Sterling, Decatur, Danville, Bloomington, Peoria, Moline, Springfield, Rockford, etc. This was the idea of the originators of the scheme which culminated in the establishment of the Central Interstate league, but the project was furthered by men of high-strung notions, such as Harley, the manager of the Decatur club, which was the first to disband. Rock Island has some really good players, and others would be developed if regular games were established.

A grateful rain last night—just the thing for town and country folks.

Ex-Mayor Henry Caras returned last evening from Fountain City, where he has spent two weeks as the guest of Captain Durham.

Fire damaged the elevator at the Davenport Glucose works to the extent of \$2,000 last night. The loss was principally in dry feed, 300 tons being destroyed by water. The building was saved with only a damage of \$100.

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THE VALLEY CLARION

WHO GOT THE HAMBURGER?

(Orion Times.)

Ed Hallgren, employed at the Five Points meat market on the bluff, is minus the end of the middle finger of his left hand, which went into hamburger for the circus employee Thursday. While he was grinding the meat his finger became caught in the machine and before he could stop the motor it was so badly mangled that the amputation of the last joint was necessary.

IGNORANCE IS BLISS.

(Washington, Iowa, Democrat.)

Bob Neundig, who was here last week and refused to visit his relatives, says he does not take any paper of any kind, not even a Sunday school paper. He does not read a word and all he knows about what is going on in the world is what he hears folks talking about. We asked him if he voted and he says he does not. He saw Elias Pickens and Ellsworth Anderson both on the street, but did not speak to them, as they did not see him. He seems proud of the fact that he doesn't know what is going on in the world.

GENESEO'S LAZY HUSBANDS.

(Geneseo News.)

We know some women in Geneseo who would be justified in wishing that they lived in the state of Washington, where a "lazy husband" law has recently gone into effect. The county commissioners are building a stockade around 65 acres of land near Seattle, and here all husbands convicted of being lazy or of abandoning their wives and children will be put to work clearing the land of stumps and rocks. Other counties in the state will have similar stockade prisons. While the husbands are working on the

county tracts the wives will be paid \$1.50 per day. A similar law should be passed in Illinois and in every state in the union. There are men in Geneseo who don't know what a day's work looks like and whose wives are breaking their backs over washbasins in their efforts to support their families.

WASH DAY IN REYNOLDS.

(Reynolds Press.)

Notice to Users of Electric Flat Irons:

We again call your attention to the fact that many of our patrons are attempting to use their electric irons on days not designated for ironing and are apt to be disappointed.

Furthermore, the use of flat irons on any other day than Tuesday or Thursday throws out the circuit breaker on our switch board and cuts off the legitimate users of fans, lights, etc., thus making it impossible to give first class service.

Therefore, please use your irons on Tuesdays and Thursdays only.

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AFTER THE "FINISH."

(Henry, Ill., Republican.)

The boy or girl who comes home from school or college with the idea in their noggin that because they have been out of town for a few months at dad's expense, it gives them an elevated place in society or the home circle, have something in their heads that sooner or later is going to hurt them.

The sensible boy or girl doesn't come back home with their head swelled up like a barrel, refusing to recognize old friends or schoolmates, but gets right into the collar and begins just where he left off last fall, glad to get home and happy in the knowledge that what

he has gained by his year of study only serves to make his life more pleasant for himself and more useful in the community to which he belongs.

NOT OFFENDING CUSTOMERS.

(Milan Independent.)

An esteemed subscriber sends us the ten commandments and asks us to publish them. Under the circumstances we must decline to do so. It is true, the commandments were written several thousand years ago, but if we publish them some person might think they were aimed at him and stop his paper. The publisher of a paper has to be very careful about such things.

SCATTERS THE JOKE.

(Stark County News.)

They are having a good laugh up at Princeton over a law suit at which James Ennes and W. K. Trimble "bunked" themselves out of a couple of hundred dollars. It seems that Messrs Ennes and Trimble own Webster park, located near Spring Valley. There is a saloon connected with the resort, Charles Lawrence has been the lessee of the park, and likewise of the building in which liquor was sold. Some time ago Lawrence skipped out and it was thought he was gone for good. He returned, however, but the owners of the park had him arrested for selling liquor on Sunday. He was arrested and when it came to a hearing he decided he would not suffer alone, so he had the two Princeton men implicated in the deal on account of their owning a place where intoxicating liquor was sold on Sunday.

State's Attorney Hollerich insisted upon a \$200 fine being assessed against Lawrence, and it is said the Princeton men paid the fine for Lawrence, and the case against them was dropped.

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